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Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

For : HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE PANEL MODULE, AND METHOD OR
CONSTRUCTING EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY BOILER USING
THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/009657, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on January 4, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated

during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,685,426;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-263602, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-018501, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-124501, together with an English language abstract of the same.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/565,298 to WASEDA et al., which was filed on January 20, 2006;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-222302, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

UEHIRO et al., "State of the Art Heat Recovery Steam Generation for Combined Cycle power Plant," The Hitachi Hyoron, Vol. 84, No. 2, pp. 13-16 (2002), together with a partial English language translation of the same.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was

filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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